

NEWS OF OLAH

The Making of a Great Plantation.

Expenses Now Reduced—Lesson of The Food Famine—The Home-Stealers at Work.

OLAHA PLANTATION, March 1900.—Less than a year has elapsed since the present management was introduced to its duties at Oia. At that time, in the latter part of June last, they were placed face to face with a giant stretch of forest, teeming with the luxuriant vegetation of the pre- and the decaying debris of the past. On all sides, where forest was lacking, lava rocks raised their threatening heads, and bade defiance to all the arts of agriculture. The wisecracks were loud in their assertion that there was no desert that could not be made to bloom, or blossom, and scoffed at the hard pioneers as they stood on the verge of their undertaking.

The Oia of Today.

Since then brains and muscle combined in perfect harmony have an easily, unceasingly toiled; and in place of the desert of a year ago can be found a magnificent domain, 20,000 acres in extent, giving constant employment to 2,000 laborers, skilled and unskilled, with nearly half a thousand beasts of burden, and all well provided with accommodation and shelter. Where was once a waste of useless ferns, now are villages and hamlets teeming with life, activity and content; and instead of waste and barren tracts of hill and dale, are precise and productive furrows of cane, already in evidence as forerunners of the harvest that is to be.

The Pruning Knife.

The present month marks an epoch in the history of this new estate. So assiduously have all the works necessary to perfect order, in the plan of development, been pressed, that the management could itself in a position to determine upon, and put in operation, a radical reduction of expenses and the ensuing month and those following, will show a material decrease on the expense side of the ledger. This action is the result of a careful survey of the whole field, and the management are confident that the lopping-off process can in no manner regard the course of steady development. Under this arrangement nearly all laborers, not under term contracts, have been dispensed with and only those retained who have shown ability in their several lines. This action is not an experiment, it is a settled policy, determined after the most complete and full consideration of all existing data.

The Food Supply of Hawaii.

The food supply was a troublesome matter for a time, after it was established fact that the plague was a reality in Honolulu. What was at first looked upon as a serious menace, has proved a beneficent. Hawaii was dependent upon Honolulu for all foreign imports and received but few that did not come through that channel. When cut off, by the ironclad men of the quarantine, from her base of supplies, her people for the first time awoke to their possibilities, and determined to become purveyors, through channels under their own control. Such messengers of the sea as the Rhoderick Dhu, Falls of Clyde and Annie Johnson, were chartered and sent forth, to return in rapid order, loaded to the gunwales with produce which stayed the threatening hand of famine.

No Signs of Plague.

Over a month has passed since the death of Mrs. Serrao, and no sign of the plague has been discovered on this island, although rumor has located it in Puna, Kau, Waialae, Halakau, Pepeekeo and other districts, to the distress of all. Investigation has failed to find any trace of the scourge, and a feeling of relief is general. The cause of death of Mrs. Serrao will never be satisfactorily determined; and there are legends who believe that some doctors in Hilo would not recognize a bubonic microbe if it had been in their company for a week.

Along the Furrows.

The demand for rice is steady and as much as \$15 per sack has been asked and paid. If present conditions continue, Irish potatoes will supersede diamonds for sowing seed. Mrs. J. F. Clay has been seriously ill with the grippe, but now is believed to have passed the danger point. Many of the haole at Oia are stockholders, and their stock is not on the market. Why not? Ask them. Wagonloads of cane seed from Po-

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It will be remembered that the Board of Health decided at the Monday meeting that persons desiring to leave Honolulu for any place need not go into quarantine, but would be allowed to depart if they would submit to an injection of the prophylactic and remain in town seven days. Dr. Wood thought that it was only fair that he should be the first man to undergo the treatment and in this manner demonstrate to the public that the serum was harmless and unobjectionable, and at the same time ascertain in the interest of science and an inquiring populace just what the effect of taking the prophylactic would be. On Monday evening, therefore, he went into the bacteriological laboratory at health headquarters in company with Dr. Day, who made up his mind that, as a workman of science, he was not going to be left behind by his fellow-practitioner. Professionally the two doctors were not in the least afraid of any infectious from what they were about to do, but under their physicians' nonchalance there was just the smallest amount of trepidation.

The serum was ready, the hypodermic syringe was loaded, and then just a moment passed in indecision as to who should receive the prophylactic first. It ended by Dr. Day inoculating Dr. Wood, after which the latter used the hypo on Dr. Day.

As a result of this treatment Dr. Wood passed a most miserable twenty-four hours yesterday. Realizing that a vast amount of business awaited his attention at the Board of Health office, the indisposed medicos struggled out of bed in the morning, though he felt as if he had swallowed all the bacilli in the dictionary, and made his way to headquarters where he has been shaking together beneath him and his head was hot with fever. At the office Dr. Wood sat at his desk for a short time, reading his correspondence and doing his best to handle the various important matters brought to his attention. To look at the man casually one would not have imagined that anything was wrong with him; his natural grin and never-give-up-appeal made him both even to acknowledge to himself that he was feeling anything but well. People came into the Board office and besieged him with the usual questions and applications relative to passports, permits to open buildings, travel, freight, quarantine and an endless number of routine matters. The doctor's able assistant, E. R. Hendry, bore the brunt of the onslaught as far as possible and rendered his usual efficient services. Everybody wanted to ask the doctor how he felt after taking the serum, and he was pestered with such interrogations as "How do you feel, Doctor?" "Does it hurt?" "Aren't you afraid?" and "Tell me all about it."

Then a crowd of would-be travelers swooped down on the overworked doctor and wanted him to fill them up with prophylactic right away, so that they could book their bunks for the other islands. Here Hendry came to the rescue and told the serum-seekers to come again. Dr. Wood managed to get through a pile of work by noon, when he felt that his experiment was getting in its fine work a little more thoroughly than before and it was about time that he went home.

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The Bishop house was completely destroyed, nothing being saved but two small and two main pictures. The person who came immediately upon being summoned were mere spectators, not a drop of water was available on account of the emptiness of the Nuuanu reservoirs, and it was too late to save any of the contents of the home. Nobody was in the house at the time of the fire the Bishop family being temporarily domiciled at Waikiki.

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